Dear SEN/REP NAME,

I am YOUR JOB TITLE at YOUR SYSTEM and I am writing to you in regards to the Governor’s Proposed Investment of American Recovery Plan Funds (April 6, 2021). I support the Governor’s plan to provide funding for water/sewer infrastructure. However, the plan only funds specific types of projects and notably excludes funding for aging water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.

DESCRIBE YOUR SYSTEM, ITS AGE, NEEDED REPAIRS/UPGRADES, AND ESTIMATED COSTS IF AVAILABLE

I encourage the Governor and Vermont legislators to increase the ARPA allocation for water and sewer projects from $170 to $350 million and to include $180 million for replacement of aging water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure as an additional area of targeted investment.

Over the next 10 years, Vermont municipalities, ratepayers and property owners will face costs exceeding $1 billion to upgrade our aged wastewater, drinking water and stormwater systems. And over the next three years, the Vermont drinking and clean water sectors will require $350 million to address our immediate infrastructure and water quality challenges. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 represents a significant opportunity to address Vermont’s aging infrastructure and water quality needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME  
YOUR SYSTEM